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1948 File No. 8186/36

P.W. DEPARTMENT

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Subject:—

Rakaskok Reservoir Project

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File No. 8186/36

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G. R., G. D., No. 2408, dated 22-6-32.] Std. Sectt. 78 a.

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References:—

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Date.	To whom sent.	Notes and instructions.
1/7/48	D.C.	Pl. submit to H.M., P.W.D.
7/7/48	F.B.	Pl. awt. till 28/7/48
28/7/48	— Do —	——— Do — 14/8/48
14/8/48	— Do —	——— Do — 15/9/48
21/8/48	9.S.	Pl. issue ack (f.6) block immediately.
23/8/48	D.C.	Pl. submit to H.M., P.W.D.
1/9/48	9 S.	Pl. issue (f.9) block.
2/9/48	F.B.	Pl. awt. till 30/9/48
15/9/48	— Do —	— Do — 15/10/48
18/10/48	— Do —	——— Do — 15/11/48
10/11/48	D.C.	Pl. submit to H.M., P.W.D.

No.NSS/R/350. Dated the 21st June 1948.

From

Narendra Singh Singhi, Esq.,
M.Sc.,B.L.,M.L.A.,
1812, Kelkarbag,
B E L G A U M.

To

The Honourable Minister for P.W.D.,
Government of Bombay,
B O M B A Y.

Subject:- Rakaskop Reservoir Project, Belgaum.
Issue of permission to start the work of-----

Reference:- Government letter PWD No.8186/36-M
dated 18th April 1947.

Sir,

I am very much obliged for your kind visit to Rakaskop last month with the Honourable Minister for Agriculture and for the interest evinced in the Project.

2. The General Approval of Government to this Project was communicated to me in Government letter PWD No.8186/36-M dated 18th April 1947 and I was further informed that permission to start the work will be given on receipt of report on Soil Tests from the Principal, College of Engineering, Poona.

3. Series of Soil Tests were carried out at the Test House, College of Engineering, Poona, from August 1947 to March 1948. The Principal, College of Engineering, Poona, visited Rakaskop on 31st March 1948, inspected the soil exploration work and discussed the design of the Dam in the light of the results obtained from the Soil Tests and, I learn, the Soil Tests Report has been submit-ted to Government in April 1948.

4. According to the working programme, I proposed to start the work of the Dam after monsoon in 1946. Government, however, desired that the opinion of the Geological Expert of the Government of India should be obtained in regard to the watertightness of the reservoir basin and the foundations of the Dam. This was obtained in March 1947. Government further ordered the Principal, College of Engineering, Poona, to submit report on Soil Tests and this, as stated above, has been submitted in April 1948.

5. The preliminary arrangements such as securing the Plant and Machinery, materials and labour etc. will be taken up on receipt of Government's permission to start the work. These arrangements will, in the present abnormally difficult conditions, require time and I propose to take these up early so as to be ready to start the work immediately after this monsoon.

6. I, therefore, now request Government that, as stated in the Government letter referred to above, permission to start the work may kindly be issued to me as early as possible.

Yours faithfully,

S. A. Joglekar. 21.6.48
Resident Engineer,
For Narendra Singh Singhi.

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P.W.D.

M.B.

Acknowledged under ... No. 8186/36/33342-M, d. the 5th June 1948.

4/6/48.

24/6/48

Subject to ... Desire ... 24/6/48

P.W.D.

M.B.

All the ppr. in con. with the Rakemkop Reservoir Project have been sent ... to the Spl. Officer, Deccan States Ranges, under the P.W.D., on the 31/5/1948. He may be requested to return the M. B. ... yes.

30/6/48

... been delayed for a week. Put up the ... M.B. 2416 ... 30/6/48

Asst. 5/7/48.

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Mrs. 1) 4/6/48

Mr. N. (illegible)

Mr. ... with the measurements ... M.

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P.W.D.

M.B.

Submitted with refce. to the Secy(G)'s note at p. 1 ante.

2 The requisite ffp. which were informally obtained from the R.L.A's Office today are put up below. Attention is kindly invited to the O.N. of the 31/3/48 and the S.O's note of the 14/6/48 recorded in file No. 8186/36, part II. The R.L.A. has not yet expressed his opinion on the points raised in the notes referred to above.

△ ffp. 49-51, file Cir. 6136 - in pSJ

† in 67-74 - -

KC
1/7/48

The special officers opinion has been just received and is put up for perusal of H.M. The C.S. had told me that full legal opinion will have to be taken as the issues involved will affect this Govt in more cases than this.

1.7.48.

HM PWD 2.7.48

This may be sent back to RLA for his opinion
KC 3/7/48

The Spl. officer (State Merger), PWSD expedited under No. 8186/36/27415-M. dt the August '48.

P.W.D.

M.B.

The ffp. have now since been returned to the R.L.A's Office ~~after noting put up~~ on the 5/7/48
The R.L.A's opinion may be awaited.

2 KC 5/7/48

5/7/48

7-7-48

Acknowledged

No.NSS/R/392. Dated the 14th August, 1948.

From

Narendra Singh Singhi, Esq.,
M.Sc., B.L., M.L.A.,
1812, Kelkarbag, B E L G A U M.

To

The Honourable Minister for P.W.D.,
Government of Bombay,
B O M B A Y.

Subject:- Rakaskop Reservoir Project, Belgaum.
Issue of permission to start the work of.

Dear Sir,

I solicit a reference to my letter No.NSS/R/350 dated 21st June 1948 and beg to state that the working season is fast approaching and preliminary arrangements such as securing the Plant and Machinery, materials and labour etc. have to be made early.

2. I, therefore, request Government that permission to start the work may kindly be issued to me as early as possible.

Yours faithfully,
S. S. Joglekar 14.8.48
Resident Engineer,
For Narendra Singh Singhi.

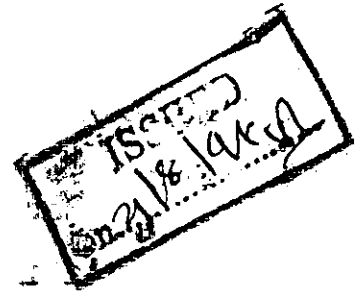
ack
for report urgent
17/8/48

Where are these papers lying?

8186/36/45304

M.B. Pub

Acknowledged under No. 8186/36/45304-m,
& the 21st Aug. 48



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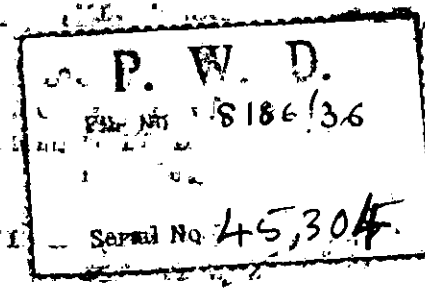

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P.W.D.

M.B.

Submitted with refce. to the orders on p. 5 ante.

2 Receipt of the letter has been acknowledged as directed by the H. M, P.W.D.

3 The main file (No. 8186/36) which was sent to the Special Officer under the P.&S.D. and the R.L.A. on the 31/5/48 for examining the legal position of the case has not yet been received back in this Deptt. The Special Officer was last expedited on the 17/8/48. The latter will presumably expedite the R.L.A. for return of the file.

4 Meanwhile, if approved, an ad interim reply will be given to Mr. Singhi.

21/8/48

23-8-48

Secy (W) The papers are still with R.L.A. as noted on page 3. An ad interim & a non committal reply will have to be given to the applicant

23.8.48

H.M.P.W.D. expedite

25.8.48

Accordingly

26-8-48

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P.W.D.

MB.

The S.O. and the R.A. have again been expedited today.

2 The attached draft may issue, if approved.

KK
31/8/48

31/8/48

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P.W.D

No. 8186/36-M

B.C., 1st Septr 1948

To

Narendra Singh Singhi, Esq.,
M.Sc., B.L., M.L.A.,
1812, Kelkar Bag, Belgaum.

Sub. Rakaskop Reservoir Project —
Issue of permission to start the
work in connection with.

Dear Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letters, No. NSS/R/350, dt the 21/6/48 and No. NSS/R/372, dt the 14/8/48, on the subject mentioned above; and to state that the matter is under the active consideration of Govt. and that the necy. orders will be issued as soon as possible.

addressed to the H.M., P.W.D.,

D.A. Nil

31/8/48

Yours faithfully,

O.I.S

31-8-48

for

ISSUED on 1-9-48

Very Urgent please.

No.NSS/R/435. Dated the 20th October 1948.

From

Narendra Singh Singhi, Esq.,
M.Sc., B.L., M.L.A.,
1812, Kelkarbag, B E L G A U M.

To

The Honourable Minister for P.W.D.,
Government of Bombay,
B O M B A Y.

Subject: Rakaskop Reservoir Project, Belgaum.
Issue of permission to start the work in connection with --- --- ---

Reference: Government letter PWD No.8186/36-M dated 1st September 1948.

Dear Sir,

His Excellency the Governor of Bombay, in his reply to the address presented by the Belgaum Borough Municipality on 5th October 1948, assured the citizens of Belgaum that Government have included the Belgaum Water Supply Scheme in their five year Post War Reconstruction Programme. The Belgaum Water Supply Scheme would derive its water from and would, therefore, be ancillary to and dependent on my Irrigation-cum-water Supply Scheme -- submitted to Government and known as the Rakaskop Reservoir Project referred to above. His Excellency further added that the technical examination of my Scheme had been completed and, but for the merger of the Kurundwad State with the Bombay Province, the work would have probably started by this time. It was necessary to examine the legal position of the State's agreement with me and as soon as this was done the Scheme would be proceeded with without unnecessary delay.

2. Government in their letter PWD No.8186/36-M dated 1st September 1948 have informed me that the issue of permission to start the work in connection with the Rakaskop Reservoir Project is under the active consideration of Government. I hope that the examination of the legal position of the State's agreement has since been completed.

3. I had made arrangements to start the work early in October 1946. However, some points such as geological report, soil tests, Kurundwad State's merger etc. unexpectedly cropped up one after another and these have sofar taken two years to reach the present stage and now the third working season has already commenced. It will kindly be appreciated that time and speed are the essence of Industrial Undertakings and as such, I would request that Government may kindly be moved to issue permission to start the work early.

Yours faithfully,

S. S. Joglekar 20.10.48

Resident Engineer,
for Narendra Singh Singhi.

The letter was sent
under No. 8186/36-M dated
27 October 1948.

27/10/48. 27/10/48

Issued 27/10/48

M.B. P.W.D.

The letter overleaf has been acknowledged, as directed by the H.M., P.W.D.

2 A detailed note explaining the movement of this Deptt. file No. 8186/36-M has been sent to the R.L.A. on the 21/10/48, by way of reminder.

3 A draft d.o. has been put up as directed by Secy (W), for approval.

27/10/48

27-10-48 Q.S

MB 27/10

P. W. D.
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Serial No. 592

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27/10 Secy (W)

8186/36/59127

P. W. D. Secrt.

D.O.No. 8186/36-M

Bombay, 27th Oct. 1948.

Dear Lad

As have been explained in detail in a note sent to your Deptt. on the 21st inst., the Rakaskop Reservoir Project case (P.W.D. file No. 8186/36-M) have been pending with your Deptt. for more than four months. The technical scrutiny of the scheme is already over and there is now nothing to hold up the scheme, except the legal points on which your opinion is sought. The Belgaum Water Supply scheme is entirely dependent on the Rakaskop Reservoir Project and both the Belgaum public as well as the promoter of the scheme have been pressing Govt. for passing early orders to start the work. The H.M., P.W.D. desires to have an immediate report in the matter.

Yours

I would therefore be grateful if you could return the P.W.D. file referred to above, with your legal opinion, by the ~~3rd~~ 1st proximo to enable this Deptt. to submit the report in time to the H.M.

Yours Sincerely

27/10/48

P. M. Lad, Esq.,
I.C.S.
Remembrancer of Legal Affairs,
Bombay.

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27/10/48.

27-10-48

29/10/48 Secy (J)

8186/36/5912

P.W.D.

M.B.

Resubmitted with ref. to the H.M., P.W.D's minute at f. 1 ante.

2. On d.o. No. 8186/36-M, f. 3 of the 27/10/48, the R.L.A. were requested to return the file regarding the Rahaskoi Reservoir Project, with his opinion thereon, by the 1st inst., so as to enable this Deptt. to submit a report to the H.M., P.W.D. in time (today is the last date for submission of the report). The file in question has not yet been received from the R.L.A. Informal inquiries in the R.L.A's Office reveal that the case is under submission to the R.L.A. On view of this, the return of the case may be awaited. The R.L.A. will be again expedited in a day or two.

5/11/48.

5-11-48

Secy (P). Asstd RLA has told me today 8.11.48 That he has signed on his opinion & it must have been sent in yesterday's dak.

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P.W.D.

M.B.

Submitted with reference to H.M., P.W.D's minute at p. 11 ante.

2. The main file in connection with Mr. Singhi's scheme has since been received from the R.L.A. and is submitted as linked case No. II.

9/11/48.

10-11-48

10/11/48

H.M.P.W.D.

11-11-48

Recpt.:-

Seen by Secy (I) along with linked file 8186/36 II

13/11/1948

Rajkot.
7-5-49